



MULTICULTURAL
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MI LINKS

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Neighborhood Bulletin

IMMIGRATION UPDATE



July saw the uprising of discontent and humane opposition to this country's immigration policies, which was embodied in the horrendous separation of families and inhumane treatment of our undocumented siblings jailed in detention centers and apprehended at the border. The Bay Area came together to lead and express public outrage towards ICE and their barbaric actions by organizing rallies, listening to the most affected, and supporting those at the forefront who take on the opposition, like those which occupied ICE offices in San Francisco. We joined voices across the country to let it be known that we know what ICE is doing and

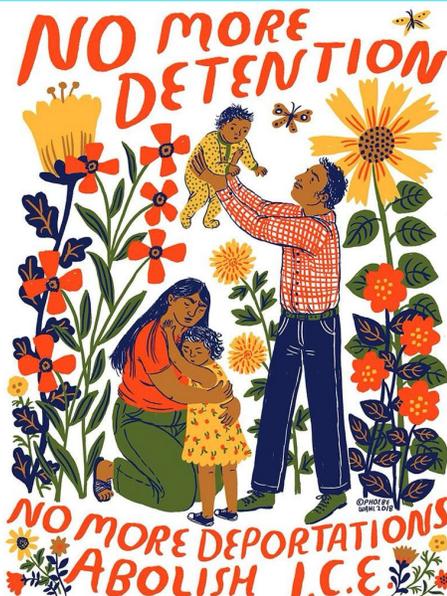
that we will rid ourselves of that institution of bigotry and hatred. Following is an excerpt from the statement made by MI's Associate Director, Mirna Cervantes, at the June 30th rally at Civic Center Park in Berkeley against current US immigration policy:

"Todos los que trabajamos en MI levantamos nuestra voz en contra de la separación de las familias que buscan asilo en nuestras fronteras. ¡Las tácticas del gobierno federal son inmorales y nada necesarias! Y contradicen nuestros valores del respeto mutuo y hospitalidad. Ningún niño o niña debe de ser separado de sus padres, ni estar viviendo en condiciones infrahumanas.

Today, we raise our voices against human rights abuses perpetrated at our borders. We believe immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers should be afforded protection [...] All vulnerable populations deserve our compassion and should not be cruelly detained and further traumatized. MI has a longstanding commitment to bridging immigrants and their families to available resources. Join us by coming together and providing opportunities for immigrants and refugees. Join our mission and volunteer [...] Remember that we are stronger together. We must not let hate divide. Gracias."

COMMUNITY NEWS

On July 10th Sheriff David Livingston announced that Contra Costa County will end their contract with ICE to incarcerate undocumented migrants for the agency at the West County Detention Center in Richmond, California. The ending of the contract is heavily accredited to the continuous work of protesters, organizers, and community members that want ICE gone and detainees returned to their families.



NATURALIZATION COURSES

The Multicultural Institute offers an intensive 5-week preparation course for the Naturalization Exam and Interview. Through the course, participants will be guided through the application process, will receive study materials, and will have the opportunity to ask attorneys questions regarding their naturalization case. This year we will offer both Spanish courses and English courses which begin on September 8th.

Call our office to enroll in our next Citizenship Preparation Course!

MI LOCATIONS:

Richmond Office
3600 Macdonald Avenue
Richmond, CA 94805
(510) 847-1479

Berkeley Office
1920 Seventh Street
Berkeley, CA 94710
(510) 848-4075

Redwood City Office
533 Warrington Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 339-2794

YOUTH WRITING FESTIVAL 2018



MI's 14th annual Youth Writing Festival came to a close on July 13th, wrapping up a 4-week program dedicated to building literacy skills and sparking an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) through daily experiments and field trips. The program served over 40 students this summer in the cities of Berkeley and Richmond. Tutors attending UC Berkeley, BCC and Berkeley High helped guide tutoring sessions and STEAM activities.

MENTORING FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS (MAS)

MAS offers academic support to students at its after school program in a relaxed, fun and nurturing environment, enabling them to challenge themselves and pursue academic excellence.

When: September 17 - May 9

Monday - Thursday, 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Who: 3rd through 9th grade students

Where: Berkeley and Richmond

Registration Fee: \$200 for the Academic Year

For more information contact:

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Save The Date! **WINE TASTING AT MI**

Join us for a memorable evening at MI with friends, delicious food and wine

September 22nd, 2018

5:00 to 7:00pm

1920 7th Street Berkeley, CA

RSVP by September 14th

at (510) 848-4075

or cesaremionline.org

Donation of \$65 payable to
The Multicultural Institute



ABOUT THE MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE

" We accompany immigrants in their transition from poverty and isolation to workforce prosperity and participation. "

Founded in 1991, the Institute enjoys successful partnerships with public, non-profit, and business entities as well as various community organizations.

The Multicultural Institute is a tax-exempt, charitable, non-profit organization. Contributions are tax-exempt as allowed by law. Federal Tax ID# 91-1823468.

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